

Veeder Farmhouse  
2201 Rosendale Road  
Schenectady Vicinity  
Schenectady County  
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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Address: 2201 Rosendale Road (northeast corner, Hedgewood Lane), Schenectady Vicinity, Schenectady County, New York.

Present Owner and Occupant: Dudley Diggs.

Present Use: Residence.

Brief Statement of Significance: One of the oldest remaining farmhouses in the vicinity.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Original and subsequent owners: Deeds going back to c. 1750 show that the farm was in possession of the Veeder family, but which one built the house, and when, is not known. The property remained in the Veeder family until 1925, when it was purchased by the Chryslers. It was purchased in 1937 by Dudley Diggs. [Interview with Mrs. Diggs, September 5, 1962].

B. Date of erection: Apparently late 18th century.

C. Notes on alterations and additions: In 1927-1929 a rear wing which was in very poor condition was demolished and a new one built, plumbing was installed, and the present mantel in the east parlor was installed. In 1937 the present dining room and service wing were added, partly by altering the 1929 rear wing. [Interview with Mrs. Diggs, September 5, 1962].

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: An example of a late 18th century farmhouse, with good proportions and details. Additions have been made to the original structure.

2. Condition of fabric: Good.

## B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Over-all dimensions: About 25' x 42' (original portion).

2. Foundations: Field stone (modern basement construction has placed concrete alongside base).

3. Wall construction: Heavy timber studs, plate. Brick facade. Others clapboarded, 6" exposure.

4. Porches: Semicircular entrance porch, with Doric columns, is apparently modern.

5. Chimneys: Two of brick; one at each end. Probably rebuilt or at least largely repaired, on exterior.

6. Opening:

a. Doorways: Central entrance with Greek-type pilasters, recessed in wide opening, with paneled pilasters in reveal. Side lights and transom lights.

b. Windows and shutters: Double-hung wood sash, six over six lights. Louvered shutters probably replacements. Some panes of glass thought to be original.

7. Roof:

a. Framing: 4" x 5" rafters, 3'-0" on center. 1" x 9" boards. 1" x 6" ridge pole, hewn. Present covering asphalt composition shingles.

b. Shape, covering: Gable. Present covering asphalt composition shingles.

c. Cornice: Boxed cornice. Gable returns. Modern gutters and conductors of sheet metal.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: Original House I: Central hall with stair, one main room each side. II: Central hall, hall chamber, two rooms on east side, one room on west side. Additions have been made on north side

2. Stairways: Open well. Turned and octagonal newel and balusters (two per tread) of black walnut. Pine treads. Simple, rounded rail of black walnut, open string.

3. Flooring: Oak, of 1920's. One board from old floor 1 3/4" thick x 16-2 1/4" wide. Framing of first floor: 9" x 10" joists, 32" on center. Some 6" x 6" old joists under hall. Sub floor boards appear old, 10" to 12" wide. Hewn timbers with some sawn replacements.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plastered - papered or painted (modern).

5. Doorways and doors: I. First floor: Architrave trim, six molded paneled doors; two butts (cast iron). II. Second floor: Four-panel doors, architrave trim.

6. Trim: I: Wood cornice, wood base, chair rail (narrow) in west room only. II: No cornice; molded wood base.

7. Hardware: Old cast iron butts, cast iron box locks, on some doors. Some ceramic door knobs. Other locks and knobs are modern.

8. Heating: Original fireplace mantel in west room, Ionic columns, molded frieze with center block (wood). Marble facing is modern. Support of east fireplace in basement has stone piers, wood lintels.

#### D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: On large, landscaped site, with house facing south to Rosendale Road; site is northeast of intersection Rosendale Road and Hedgewood Lane - about three miles from center of downtown Schenectady.

2. Landscaping: Modern gardens.

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